

# LITTLE PRAIRIE CHRISTIAN CHURCH EPISTLE MAY 2026



## **LPCC LOCAL MISSION MOMENT**

Greetings from Mission III Academy! I want to take a moment to offer an update about our ministry! Below are some quick facts about the 2025-2026 school year:

- Staff: Lesa Shilling (Admin//Dual Credit/Etc), Jerri Ballard (Admin/High School/Etc), Mariah Eblin (K-1), Bella Ballard (2nd-3rd), Paige Anselment (4th), Tanya Grounds (5th-6th/High School), Julie Mann (7th-8th), Trish Kemper (High School), Steve Sherman (7th/8th Helper, High School)
- Board: Daniel/Lesa Shilling, Mark/Crystal Bunting, Britt/Fleta Shepherd, Chris/Jerri Ballard
- Enrollment: 159 total students served
- Graduates: High School=13, Junior High=7
- K-2 meets on Mondays and Tuesdays from 9-12; 3rd-8th meets on Mondays from 12-4; High School meets on Tuesdays from 12-4
- Service Projects/Ministry Events: Girls Library Service Project, Girls Be-You-tiful Event, Prayer Night, Shawnee Spiritual Retreat, M3D Leadership Retreat, Operation Christmas Child Container Packing, 3 Love Packages Mission Trips, Canned Food Drive/Bridges of Hope Outreach, Prayer Walk, Oil Belt Work Day.

We overhauled the K-8 program last summer and have seen tremendous improvement in the teachers' abilities to develop relationships with students. We overhauled the high school program a few years ago and are now overhauling our in-person schedule for the upcoming school year. We also began a leadership team this past year called the M3D team (Mission III Discipleship Team) for 7th-12th grade students. Our high school students are invited to a small group called Spark that meets every other Tuesday after school; we are able to feed them a meal and study God's Word together. It's impossible to detail in a short space what all God is doing, but He's definitely on the move so feel free to reach out if you ever want a more detailed update! Thanks so much for all of your support!!!

Ms. Lesa



## **LPCC GLOBAL MISSION MOMENT**

Quick! Where is Myanmar-Africa, South America or Asia? If you answered Asia, you are correct! Myanmar was formerly known as Burma and is in southeast Asia. Little Prairie has supported the Myanmar Samaritan Mission (MSM) for several years. Our contact person is Cing Root, a native of Myanmar, who is married to Carson Root, senior minister at Central Christian Church in Lawrenceville, IL.

MSM has a multi-pronged approach to ministry, including education ministry, Bible distribution, church and community fellowship services, disaster relief, free dental services and digging clean water wells. All of this is done in a politically precarious environment. In fact, travel to the country is discouraged, in part due to "civil unrest, armed conflict and arbitrary enforcement of local laws."

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The Christians in Myanmar carry on despite the daunting surroundings. They are trying to raise funds for an addition to the mission center in West Yangon to be used for worship, Bible Study, Sunday School and preschool. They have outgrown the existing structure!

They would also love to have the funds to dig 2 new water wells, each in a different location. When they dig a well, they offer access to clean water to anyone, regardless of their faith, which is an unusual practice in that part of the world. MSM sees that kindness as an outreach to unbelievers.

The first time each day that you use water, would you pray for MSM? If you, your family or your Sunday School class feel led to donate to MSM, please do so. Checks can be written to MSM and sent to C/O Cing Root, 12158 Indian Creek Blvd, Lawrenceville, IL 62439.



## SAVE THE DATE FOR JUNKYARD REDEMPTION VBS 2026

Mon, July 6 – Thurs, July 9 6:00 – 8:30 PM

Through the Gospel, God brings eternal beauty from the rust in our lives! And one day, Christ will return and restore total perfection! Step into Junkyard Redemption this summer!

*Coming Soon*

in May

- 3~Benevolent Sunday
- 8~Preschool Graduation
- 9~Mother's Day Luncheon
- 10~Baby Recognition
- 17~Graduation Sunday Video  
MIIA Graduation
- 20~4-H
- 21~Kid's Playtime
- 24~Congregational Prayer Time
- 29~Forge



PLAYTIME FOR THE  
KIDS, FELLOWSHIP  
FOR MOMS!

1-3 pm in the gym  
May 21

## Prayer Requests

Prayer Concerns: Lupita Arriaga, Norma English, Gary Harris, Garrel Knight, Jeff Loyd, Mike & Brenda Loyd, Seth Loyd, Diane Magligner, Kerri McCaleb, Danny Newport, Irma Over, Dave Skillman, Gary Stevens, LuAnn Stevens, Brenda Swegman, Jeff Wick

Those Fighting Cancer: Jason Balding, Ruth Barnett, Ed Black, Linda Caldwell, Marlenys Cortez, Patricia Fisher, Diane Haines, Michael Hunt, Mart Johnson, Steve Knackmuhs, Harley Lear, Todd Lingafelter, Silas Martinez, Cally Mitchell, Harper Newport, Bob Orr, Irma Over, April Perkins, Glenda Raber, Todd Weiss, Joe Williams, Dan Woodward